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dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, one hundred fifty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred dollars.

Waldo county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, seven hundred eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, one hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, five hundred dollars.

Washington county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, five hundred twenty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, five hundred twenty dollars, for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, five hundred twenty dollars.

York county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, one thousand six hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, one thousand dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hundred fifty dollars.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 224.

An Act Relating to Insurance Rates and Providing for Approval of the Same by Insurance Commissioner before Promulgation and Use.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Workmen's Compensation insurance rates to be filed with commissioner. The insurance commissioner may require the filing of specific rates for Workmen's Compensation insurance including classifications of risks, experience or any other rating information from insurance companies, authorized to transact such insurance in Maine, and may make or cause to be made such investigations as may be deemed necessary to satisfy himself that such rates are correct and proper before giving his approval and permitting such rates to be promulgated for the use of said companies.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 225.

An Act to Prevent Public Discrimination by Reason of Religious Creed at Places of Public Accommodation, Resort or Amusement.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Places of public accommodation prohibited from issuing or distributing printed notices discriminating against persons on account of religious sect or nationality. No person, being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, shall directly or indirectly, by himself or another, publish, issue, circulate, distribute or display, in any way, any advertisement, circular, folder, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed notice or sign, of any kind or description, intended to discriminate against or actually discriminating against persons of any religious sect, creed, class,

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denomination, or nationality, in the full enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges offered to the general public by such places of public accommodation, resort or amusement.

Sec. 2. Term "place of public accommodation" defined. A place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the meaning of this act shall be deemed to include any inn, whether conducted for the entertainment, housing, or lodging of transient guests, or for the benefit, use or accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, any restaurant, eating-house, public conveyance on land or water, bath-house, barber-shop, theatre and music-hall.

Sec. 3. Specific inquiries may be answered by mail. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit the mailing of a private communication in writing, sent in response to specific written inquiry.

Sec. 4. Penalty for violations. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or who shall aid in or incite, cause or bring about, in whole or in part, the violation of the provisions of this act, shall, for each and every violation be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or shall be subject to both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 226.

An Act to Amend Sections Eighty-five and Eighty-seven of Chapter Two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the State Contingent Fund.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 2, § 85, relating to state contingent fund, amended. Section eighty-five of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "first day of January" in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'thirtieth day of June;' also by adding to said section the following words: 'provided, however, that unexpended balances existing on December thirty-first, excepting those continued by law, or such as relate to the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans or special funds in the state treasury, may, in the discretion of the governor and council, be credited to said state contingent fund on that date;' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 85. Appropriations lapse June 30th. Certain balances may be credited to contingent fund December 31st. The state auditor and treasurer of state shall open on their books an account to be known as the state contingent fund, to which shall be transferred and credited all balances of unexpended appropriations which exist on the thirtieth day of June of each year and which are not continued by law, except such appropriations as relate to the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans and special funds in the state treasury department. There shall also be credited to said account on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as the